

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A content delivery system for delivering content to a client of a user who possesses ~~at least two~~ first and second clients, each of said first and second clients using acquired content based on an acquired license, said content delivery system comprising:

registering means for registering each of said first and second clients of said user in order to acquire customer-related information;

customer-related information managing means for managing said customer-related information;

content requesting means for requesting, by said first client to a first content provider, acquired content;

first content ~~providing~~ receiving means for receiving, at said first client, acquired content from said first content provider in response to said first content request ~~which, in response to a request from any one of said clients, provides content to the requesting client;~~

first license requesting means for requesting, by said first client, a first license for the acquired content;

first license granting means which, in response to said request for said first license, ~~a request from the requesting client having acquired the content from said first content providing means~~, issues said first ~~requesting~~ client a first license for the acquired content;

[[and]]

transfer means for transferring the acquired content from said first client to said second client in response to a request to transfer;

second license requesting means for requesting, by the second client to the first  
license granting means, a second license for the acquired content after said transfer of  
acquired content to said second client; and

~~second license granting means which, after said user has moved the acquired content~~  
~~from said requesting client to another client of the same user in response to said second~~  
~~license request, acquires a second license to said transferred acquired content from said first~~  
~~license granting means and issues said second another client of the same user, from a second~~  
~~content providing means, a second license for the moved transferred acquired content.~~

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): A content delivery system according to claim 1,  
wherein said customer-related information managing means manages a table of  
correspondences between leaf ID's and client ID's, a table of correspondences between client  
ID's and user ID's, a table of correspondences between content ID's and license ID's, a table  
of correspondences between user ID's and the content ID's of downloaded content, and a  
table of correspondences between user ID's and license ID's of downloaded licenses.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A content delivery system according to claim 1,  
wherein said customer-related information managing means updates said customer-related  
information when said acquired content is received by said first client ~~providing means~~  
~~provides content to a client~~ or when any one of said first and said second license granting  
means issues a first or second license to a first or second client.

Claim 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A content delivery system according to claim [[4]]1, wherein said second license granting means, by querying said customer-related information managing means, verifies that said ~~another~~ second client is authorized to receive said acquired content, that the user of said ~~another~~ second client is the same user of a client registered with said first license granting means, and that the second license requested by said ~~another~~ second client has already been issued to said ~~another~~ second client by said first license granting means.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A content delivery system according to claim 1, further comprising fee-charging means for performing a fee-charging process regarding the first or second client to which a first or second license has been issued.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A content delivery system according to claim 6, wherein said fee-charging means charges a first fee when said first license granting means issues a first license to said first requesting client, and charges a second fee when said second license granting means issues a second license to said ~~another~~ first ~~client of the same user of~~ said client.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): An information processing system for using content, comprising:

content downloading means for downloading acquired content to a first destination;

content storing means for storing said acquired content in said first destination;

first license requesting means for requesting issuance of a first license for the acquired content to said first destination;

first license granting means which, in response to said request for said first license, issues said first license for the acquired content to said first destination;

content moving means for moving the acquired content stored in said content storing means of said first destination to a second destination in response to a request to move said acquired content;

second license requesting means for requesting issuance of a second license for the acquired content to said second destination after said acquired content has been moved to said second destination;

second license granting means which, in response to said request for said second license, acquires said second license for said moved acquired content from said first license granting means, and issues said second license to said second destination;

~~license-acquiring means for acquiring a license for using said content in said second destination; and~~

content reproducing means for using said moved acquired content in said second destination based on the ~~acquired~~ second license.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): An information processing method for delivering content to a client of a user who possesses at least two clients, each of said clients using acquired content based on an acquired license, said method comprising:

registering each of said clients of said user in order to acquire customer-related information;

storing said customer-related information;

requesting acquired content to be transmitted from a first content server to a first one ~~of said client~~[[s]];

transmitting said acquired content to said ~~requesting~~ first client;

storing said acquired content in said first client;

requesting, by said first client to said first content server, a first license for said acquired content;

transmitting a first license to said acquired content from said first content server to said first requesting client;

requesting that said acquired content be moved from said first client to a second client;

moving the acquired content stored in said first requesting client to ~~another~~ said second client of the user in response to said request to move; and

requesting, by said second client to a second content server, a second license to said moved acquired content;

requesting, by said second content server to said first content server, said second license to said moved acquired content;

transmitting, from said first content server to said second content server, said second license for said moved acquired content;

transmitting ~~[[a]]~~ said second license ~~[[to]]~~ for said moved acquired content from ~~[[a]]~~ said second content server to said second ~~another~~ client of said user.

Claim 10 (Withdrawn). A computer program which is described in a computer-readable format and which allows a computer system to grant a user a license for using content, said user possessing at least two clients which use content legitimately based on acquired licenses, said computer program comprising:

first step of determining whether or not a client of said user requesting a license is legitimate;

a second step of determining whether or not said user possessing the requesting client is also in possession of another client to which said license has already been granted; and a third step of granting the same license to said requesting client if the determination in the second step provides an affirmative result.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A content delivery system for delivering content to a client of a user who possesses at least two clients, each of said clients using acquired content based on an acquired license, said content delivery system comprising:

a first content provider comprising a first content server and a first license server;

a first client including a first processor, said first processor configured to cause an advance registration of said first client with said first license server of said first content provider;

said first processor configured to acquire a first license to acquired content from said first license server of said first content provider;

said first processor configured to cause a download of said acquired content from said first content server of said first content provider to said first client;

a first storage media that stores in said first client said acquired content received from said first content provider;

a second content provider comprising a second content server and a second license server;

a second client including a second processor, said second processor configured to cause an advance registration of said second client with said second license server of said second content provider;

a second storage media in said second client configured to receive, in response to a request from said second client, said acquired content from said first storage media of said first client; and

said second processor configured to acquire, after said acquired content is received in said second storage media, a second license to said acquired content from said second license server.